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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 14834 ACTION SECSTATE INFO NATO LONDON  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14834

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MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

DEPARTMENT PASS SECDEF AND USNMR SHAPE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MNUC MPOL NATO GW US  
SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD ER WEAPON: SEPTEMBER 12  
US-FRG CONSULTATIONS

REFS: (A) GOODBY-MEEHAN TELCON; (B) BONN 14746

1. EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT A FINAL FRG GOVERNMENT  
DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN RE ENHANCED RADIATION  
WEAPON.

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2. SO FAR AS THE PUBLIC RECORD GOES, THIS WEEK'S  
BUNDESTAG DEBATE (REF B) WAS MARKED BY A NOTABLY NON-  
COMMITTAL ATTITUDE BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT SPEAKER,  
DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER. LEBER'S REMARK THAT IT REMAINS  
TO BE SEEN HOW GOOD THE ER WEAPON IS SUGGESTS HE (AND  
THE GOVERNMENT) WAS CONCERNED TO CONVEY A PUBLIC  
IMPRESSION THAT THE ISSUE REMAINED SUB JUDICE PENDING

ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS. CLEARLY, THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE  
THE POSSIBILITY THAT A DECISION HAS IN FACT BEEN TAKEN.  
LEBER'S PRESENTATION COULD BE SIMPLY PACKAGING.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, BEYOND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS,  
ON WHICH TO FORM A JUDGMENT.

4. GIVEN THE PUBLIC POSTURE ADOPTED SO FAR BY THE FRG  
GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE OUR APPROACH IN MONDAY'S  
CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE THAT THE GERMAN DECISION IS  
STILL OPEN. MEEHAN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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